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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1 1. (Canceled)

1 2. (Canceled)

1 3. (Canceled)

1 4. (Canceled)

1 5. (Canceled)

1 6. (Previously Amended) A method for performing
2 participant identification in a conference of a plurality of
3 participants, comprising the steps of:
4 performing a simple speech algorithm to detect a
5 change in an active participant among a set of the plurality of
6 participants using an endpoint telecommunication unit by the
7 endpoint telecommunication unit whereby the speech algorithm
8 only determines the change in the active participant and not the
9 identity of the active participant;
10 signaling the detected change to a conference unit by
11 the endpoint telecommunication unit; and

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12 determining the identity of a new active participant of
13 the set of the plurality of participants by the conference unit
14 performing voice recognition to identify the new active
15 participant in response to the signaled change whereby the
16 conference unit processes speech information from only the
17 endpoint telecommunication unit.

1 7. (Canceled)

1 8. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 6
2 wherein the endpoint telecommunication unit is a
3 telecommunication terminal.

1 9. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 6
2 wherein the endpoint telecommunication unit is a remote switch
3 connecting a telecommunication terminal used by a subset of
4 the set of the plurality of participants to the conference unit.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the step
2 of detecting comprises determining a use of a speakerphone on
3 the endpoint telecommunication unit.

1 11. (Previously Amended) A system for providing a
2 conference, comprising:
3 a conference unit;
4 a system controller;

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5 a plurality of endpoint telecommunication units;
6 system controller establishing the conference for a set
7 of participants using a plurality of endpoint telecommunication
8 units;
9 one of the plurality of endpoint telecommunication
10 units providing service for a subset of the set of the plurality of
11 participants, performing a simple speech algorithm to detect a
12 change in a new active participant of the subset of the set of the
13 plurality of participants whereby the speech algorithm only
14 determines the change in the active participant and not the
15 identity of the active participant and signaling the change to the
16 system controller;
17 system controller responsive to the signaled change to
18 request the conference unit identify the new active participant of
19 the subset of the set of the plurality of participants; and
20 the conference unit identifying the new active
21 participant by performing voice recognition to identify the new
22 active participant and signaling the identity to the system
23 controller.

1 12. (Canceled)

1 13. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 11
2 wherein the one of the plurality of endpoint telecommunication
3 units is a telecommunication terminal.

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1 14. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 11
2 wherein the one of the endpoint telecommunication units is a
3 remote switch connecting a telecommunication terminal used
4 by a subset of the set of the plurality of participants to the
5 conference unit.

1 15. (Canceled)

1 16. (Canceled)

1 17. (Canceled)

1 18. (Canceled)

1 19. (Canceled)

1 20. (Canceled)

1 21. (Previously Amended) A computer-readable
2 medium comprising computer-executable instructions
3 configured for:
4 performing a simple speech algorithm to detect a
5 change in an active participant among a set of the plurality of
6 participants using an endpoint telecommunication unit by the
7 endpoint telecommunication unit whereby the speech algorithm

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8 only determines the change in the active participant and not the
9 identity of the active participant;
10 signaling the detected change to a conference unit by
11 the endpoint telecommunication unit; and
12 determining the identity of a new active participant of
13 the set of the plurality of participants by the conference unit
14 performing voice recognition to identify the new active
15 participant in response to the signaled change whereby the
16 conference unit processes speech information from only the
17 endpoint telecommunication unit.

1 22. (Canceled)

1 23. (Previously Amended) The computer-readable
2 medium of claim 21 wherein the endpoint telecommunication
3 unit is a telecommunication terminal.

1 24. (Previously Amended) The computer-readable
2 medium of claim 21 wherein the endpoint telecommunication
3 unit is a remote switch connecting a telecommunication
4 terminal used by the set of the plurality of participants to the
5 conference unit.

1 25. (Presently Amended) The computer-readable
2 medium of claim 21 wherein the detecting comprises

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- 3 determining a use of a speakerphone on the endpoint
- 4 telecommunication unit.